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## 'Colored People Cemetery' A.C. Dunlap Memorial Cemetery

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**Veterans continued**

41. Eric Earl Titus (1957-1997) US Army
42. Lawyer Walter (1894-1968) US Army
43. Percy White (January 6, 1939)
44. Willie Frank Wilburn (1947-2009) US Air Force
45. William Daniel Wilder (1912-1989) US Army
46. Millard Williams (1890-1964) US Army
47. Willie Williams, Sr. (1896-1965) US Army
48. Willie Williams (1922-1982) US Army

**FORMERLY ENSLAVED**

1. Solomon Brown (1851-1903)
2. Henry George (1860-1948)
3. Spencer Miller (1861-1938)
4. Mariah Pate (1857-1947)
5. Lewis Thomas (1853-1929)

**CENTENARIANS**

1. Edna Baldwin (1906-2009)
2. Alberta Jackson (1885-1987)

**TEACHERS**

1. Rufus R. Butler (1914-1965)
2. Myra Chapple (1925-2005)
3. Mamie Jenkins Mincey (1923-1982)
4. Ollie Butler Moore (1919-1973)

**MINISTERS**

1. Elder Frank Loudrick Atkinson (1916-2004)
2. Rev. James Canty (1928-2005)
3. Rev. Alexander Christian "A.C." Dunlap (1866-1923)
4. Rev. Arthur Fields (1934-2009)
5. Rev. S.J. Jackson (1891-1971)
6. Rev. Patrick Peoples Jones (1928-2011)
7. Pastor Dorothy Mae Littles (1940-2017)
8. Rev. Henry McClary (1912-1992)
9. Rev. James Pardue (1900-1971)
10. Rev. Josephine C. Sweet (1958-2015)

# "IF THESE CEMETERIES COULD TALK"

## 'Colored People Cemetery' A.C. Dunlap Memorial Cemetery

Olliff Street  
Statesboro, GA

Saturday, February 15, 2020  
9:00 AM



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4235 Willow Hill Road, Portal GA

## VETERANS

## HISTORY

According to deed records, the cemetery was started in 1903 and was called the “The Colored Folks Cemetery”. It also was occasionally called the Thomas Grove Cemetery. Later it was called the “Colored People Cemetery”, the name that most people still refer to it by. Now it has been officially renamed the A. C. Dunlap Memorial Cemetery.

The beginning date for the cemetery is being questioned since there are at least three graves in the cemetery which predate 1903, the earliest being 1899. There are nearly 700 graves in the cemetery, making it the largest African American Cemetery in Bulloch County. Many of the graves are unmarked.

It is located on Olliff Street, behind the previously "all white" Eastside Cemetery. Eastside Cemetery was segregated for most of the 20th Century. The Colored People Cemetery is used by the many African American Churches of Statesboro which do not have their own cemetery. Minnie McTier, mother of Blind Willie McTell, is buried in an unmarked grave in the Colored People Cemetery. She died in 1920 and was buried by the white funeral home, Statesboro Buggy and Wagon.

Three burials of formerly enslaved people - Mariah Pate (1857-1947), Solloman Brown (1861-1903), and Henry George (1860-1948) have been located on the grounds,

1. Barney Baldwin (1928-1979) US Army
2. Charlie Baldwin (1919-1989) US Army
3. William Bell (1919-198\_) US Army
4. Herbert C. Brown (1918-1988) US Army
5. Burney Brown (1898-1928) US Army
6. Arnett Brown (? -1936) US Army
7. Rufus P. Butler (1914-1965) US Army
8. Rosler Wayman Butler (1917-1981) US Army
9. Jessie Campbell (1916-1960) US Army
10. John Collins, Jr. (d. 1939) US Army
11. Sam Cooper (1916-1979) US Army
12. Ulysses Day (1902-1955) US Army
13. James Horace Douse (1930-1959) US Air Force
14. Frank Edwards (1923-1959) US Army
15. Barbara L. Fields (1953-1993) US Army
16. William Henry Fuller (1926-1988) US Army
17. Lindsey C. Fulton (1913-1972) US Army
18. Douglass Gray (1952-2016) Vietnam
19. Peroy Jasper (1938-1988) US Army
20. Luke James Johnson (1936-1984) US Air Force
21. Bradford Johnson (1908-1980) US Army
22. Roosevelt Johnson (1927-1965) US Army
23. Flozel Johnson (1920-1999) US Army
24. Welmon Floric Johnson (1918-1963) US Army
25. Herschel A. Jones (1920-2006) US Army
26. Willie Martin (1898-1959) US Army
27. Leroy Roger McClain (1925-1946) US Army
28. Carlie Cordell Mincey (1953-1996) US Air Force
29. Walter Mincey (1892-1967) US Army
30. LaVaughn Natson (1950-2010) US Army
31. Steve Odoms (1929-1986) US Army
32. Bruce Odoms, Jr. (1947-2003) US Army
33. Vernon B. Pryor (1933-1997) US Navy
34. Frederick D. Pughsley (1907-1991) US Army
35. Sylvester Severson (1957-2016) US Marine Corps
36. Brantley Simmons (1928-1986) US Army
37. Japan Simmons (1922-1974) US Army
38. Sam Smith, Jr. (1919-1977) US Army
39. Roger Smith, Jr. (1892-1967) US Army
40. John Spencer (1887-1970) US Army